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Marshal's Minute-State Fire Marshal Matt Perez



The fire service community has always been looked at as a strong hard-working group who are role models and heroes in their communities. Honor, valor and integrity are three words that best define the fire service. I want to stress that this statement is even more important today than ever before. We continue to serve without waver during a worldwide pandemic and civil unrest that is occurring in some of our communities.

It's important to set an example, not only in your firehouses, but in your homes and communities when it comes to helping stop the spread of COVID19. Since March 18 we have been tracking the number of quarantined firefighters, the number of firefighters testing positive for COVID19 and the number of departments affected. The first record showed there were 38 firefighters quarantined from 14 departments and 0 confirmed COVID19 cases. The numbers quickly increased and reached highs of 176 quarantined firefighters on April 13th, and up to today, 137 departments have been affected, 379 confirmed COVID19 cases and three firefighters who passed away due to COVID19 related illnesses. The number of quarantined firefighters began to drop at that point and reached a low of 18 on July 3rd.

This gradual decline was due to planning and the outstanding leadership within the fire service community to get their departments and districts to utilize PPE and follow recommendations and guidance from IDPH and the CDC. Another factor that led to the decline was the restrictions put in place by Governor Pritzker's Restore Illinois Plan.

Unfortunately, in just 14 days after the Fourth of July weekend, we went from 18 quarantined firefighters to 86, which is a similar increase to what we were seeing in March. This shows how quickly this virus can spread if mitigation practices ease, for even just a few days. Luckily, the numbers are starting to drop again as departments and districts have ramped back up the mitigation protocols and have been stressing the importance of taking the proper steps to keep their members safe. Continue sending me reports of all your quarantined firefighters and any COVID19 positive tests in your department. Being able to track numbers and locations helps us identify trends and hotspot areas where there may be coverage issues or a need for increased testing. This is especially important for our volunteer departments who may already be experiencing a shortage of firefighters and have greater distances between fire stations.

The fire service has been consistent in following recommendations and guidelines at work. As we progress through the stages of the Restore Illinois Plan, we want to encourage you to pay equal attention to protecting yourselves at home and while traveling, even as the restrictions are easing.

Be vigilant about protecting yourselves, and your families, from exposure to COVID19 on and off the job.

We understand that our line of work draws people that are inherent risk takers, but if we fail to take care of ourselves, we will not be able to take care of anyone else.

We are in this fight together! We will get through this! Remember....One Team One Fight!

Employee Spotlight



Chris Bednarek Fire Certification Specialist PS&E

Where are you originally from? Crete, Illinois, but I live in Flossmoor now.

Tell us about your family? Kids, Significant other. I met my wife in college, and we have been married for 23 years. We have a 17-year-old daughter who will be a senior in high school this fall. Our rottweiler Jessie is kind enough to share her house with us.

Favorite food(s)? It's a toss-up between Chinese, Mexican, and pizza.

Hobbies? Bicycling, beekeeping, and home maintenance (if you can consider that last one a

hobby).

What's your favorite movie or book? Two of the last books I've read were really good; The Graveyard Book (Neil Gaiman) and Good Omens (Neil Gaiman & Terry Pratchett).

When you get in the car what type of music will be coming out of your speakers? That's a loaded question. It really depends on my mood; it can be anything from a podcast or audio book to classical or heavy metal.

What did you want to be when you were a kid? A firefighter (I was privileged to be able to do that for over 20 years both as a POC and a career firefighter).

What's your favorite part of the job? In addition to working with the great team in PS&E, I really enjoy working with the chiefs, training officers, and members of the Illinois Fire Service.

What's something unique about you? In addition to working for the OSFM, I'm a beekeeper and a bicycle mechanic.

Where is your favorite place to vacation? We really enjoy Mackinac Island. It's a quiet and relaxing place, plus you can ride a bike all the way around the island.

Where is your bucket list destination? I've been to Hannover, Germany once to visit my wife's family. I'd love to go back and take some time to tour more of Europe, England, and maybe Scotland. Probably not all in the same trip though...

One Team! One Fight!

Fire Marshal Perez, along with leaders from the Illinois Fire Service, came together to encourage firefighters and EMS personnel to commit to maintaining all COVID 19 mitigation practices in order to help keep themselves, their communities and families safe. One Team! One Fight!

*The video is available here:
https://youtu.be/W6LW_x3JbI0*



**#Together
One Team! One Fight!**



Illinois Volunteer Fire Service- COVID Impact Survey

Statewide Fire Service Leaders want to understand the real impact COVID19 has had on the Volunteer Fire Service of Illinois. Many volunteer departments are seeing significant revenue decreases due to the inability to conduct fundraising events.

The purpose of this survey is to get a basic analysis of how widespread this impact is and at what financial level. Please take a few minutes to complete this important survey. Your responses impact the ability to secure state and federal grant opportunities that could help restore some funding levels to volunteer fire departments.

The survey is open until August 7th. Follow this link to participate:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WRRGXM9?fbclid=IwAR2uqQOdlcEI6kCBDhYBSfRnxH_oqFkAmyqkR5wlfO-L8LPKlq_yw7qlraE



Petroleum and Chemical Safety Division



Petroleum and Chemical Safety Division Statewide Administrator Scot Johnson presented Charlene Troyer with her badges. Charlene has completed her six-month probationary period as Storage Tank Safety Specialist (STSS).

After an STSS successfully completes his or her six-month probationary period, he or she is usually presented with their badge during one of the training sessions in Springfield. However, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Charlene received her badge in the field.

"I started my professional career in the environmental lab in 1988. Moved to compliance and remediation in the solid waste industry in 2000. On the tail end of that chapter in my life, an IEPA Bureau of Land Inspector, Charlene Thigpen, recommended I apply to the OSFM. That was in 2014. I knew very little about UST compliance and did not follow through at that time. Six years later, and 4 years of UST education on the owner's side, here I am. Ms. Thigpen was right, the position suits me well. I believe I am doing more to encourage compliance and safety in this position. Thank you all for the opportunity and support."

-Charlene Troyer

Petroleum and Chemical Safety Division



Petroleum and Chemical Safety Division Statewide Administrator Scot Johnson presented Brian Morin with his badge. Brian has completed his six-month probationary period as Storage Tank Safety Specialist (STSS).

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"The OSFM has been an agency I have interacted with for the past 30 years and I have always valued the relationships I have developed with the inspectors over those years. Being around experienced inspectors has benefited me greatly. Learning from and working with all of the current STSSs (and a few retired ones) has led me to where I am today."

"Being an STSS seems like a natural progression for me, to take what I have learned over the years as a contractor and environmental consultant and apply it to the facilities we serve. As I said in my interview, I believe the role of an STSS is a very important job and I believe my past experience is in line with what it takes to do this job effectively to help facility owners maintain compliance and protect the public."

-Brian Morin

Arson Division- New Accelerant Detection Canine



The OSFM Arson Division welcomes its newest accelerant detection canine Gunny to the team. Gunny will be working with Special Agent Arnold to aid and assist departments/districts and other agencies across the state.

Welcome to the team and OSFM family, Gunny!

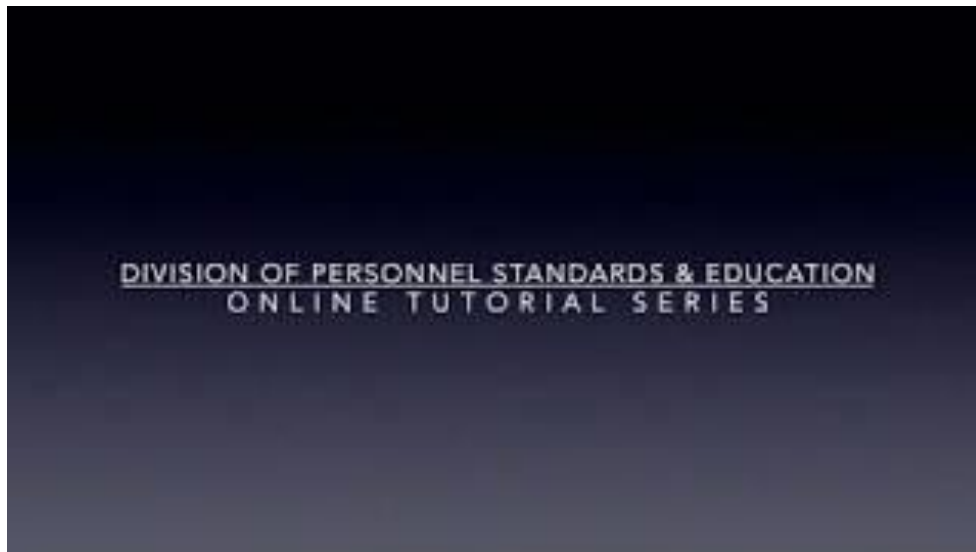


Accelerant detection canine Dollar has retired after serving with Special Agent Arnold since 2012. Dollar now plans to enjoy a few extra naps, belly rubs and treats!

The OSFM thanks Dollar for your years of service and wishes you the best in your retirement!



Personnel Standards and Education Division Training Videos



The Division of Personnel Standards and Education (PS&E) has given its portal a bit of a facelift. A few changes were made concerning how to update a department/district's roster. The Division has produced a video explaining how to navigate and make those changes in the new look portal. You are encouraged to visit the portal to make sure your roster is accurate, and if not, bring it up to date with the necessary changes.

Visit the PS&E portal here:

<https://webapps.sfm.illinois.gov/PSEPortal/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fPSEPortal%2f>

To view the video without logging in, visit the OSFM's YouTube page here:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCK2PpJi2v5F9wy-15zJhHiw>

The Division continues to work on more tutorial videos, which will be available soon.



Preliminary Exposure Reduction Project Update

FREE DECON EQUIPMENT
IS NOW AVAILABLE TO ILLINOIS FIRE DEPARTMENTS



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The Illinois Fire Service Institute provided an update on the latest statistics from the State of Illinois Preliminary Exposure Reduction Project in July.

The latest data shows that 10,918 firefighters across 331 departments in Illinois now have access to Preliminary Exposure Reduction Equipment. IFSI Research has shown that field decontamination using dish soap, water, and scrubbing was able to reduce PAH contamination on turnout jackets by a median of 85%. MABAS reports that 1,000 DECON Bucket Kits have been distributed to 324 agencies. There are 168 DECON Bucket Kits ready to be picked up from 55 departments at various locations.

To join this list and help reduce firefighters' risk of exposure to harmful carcinogens, visit fsi.illinois.edu to take the training and request your buckets.



IFSI Minute

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A quick update on the status of the Illinois Fire Service Institute (IFSI):

COURSE DELIVERY:

All in-person training and education scheduled to take place through 15 May has been cancelled. However, IFSI continues to lead the nation with the delivery of training and education opportunities to first responders utilizing online platforms. The following is the upcoming virtual delivery schedule:

Cornerstone Virtual Training (Two sessions offered for each topic):

• Fireground Communication	May 4	6pm – 8pm	May 9	10am – 12pm
• Rural Engine and Tender Ops	May 26	6pm – 8pm	May 30	10am – 12pm
• Fire Ground Search and Rescue	June 8	6pm – 8pm	June 13	10am – 12pm
• Basic Company Officer	June 22	6pm – 8pm	June 27	10am – 12pm
• Thermal Imaging	July 6	6pm – 8pm	July 11	10am – 12pm
• Responder Intervention Team	July 20	6pm – 8pm	July 25	10am – 12pm
• Tactics and Strategy	August 3	6pm – 8pm	August 8	10am – 12pm

Facebook Forum – Live Training Broadcasts:

• Rural Command	April 30	6:30pm
• Roof Operations: Milwaukee Cut	May 5	1pm
• Pump Operations	May 13	1pm

We will continue to run the live Facebook Forum feeds and will announce future topics and broadcast dates on the IFSI social media pages

MOVING FORWARD:

Regional Representatives, Program Managers, and Program Directors are working closely with leadership and functional support activities to ensure IFSI is ready when face-to-face training resumes. An IFSI working group is developing policy and procedures that address measures that will be put in place to ensure our students and instructors are as safe as possible when training and education does start up again.

The 96th Annual Fire College and the Illinois Firefighter's Association (IFA) Down and Dirty Training Weekend will be delivered the same weekend in Champaign. Fire College has been rescheduled for October 1-4, 2020. IFA Weekend will take place October 2-3, 2020.

The University of Illinois/Champaign County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) continues to operate out of the IFSI Learning, Resource, and Research Center. Selected IFSI staff are in direct support of this effort.

Under the direction of our IFSI Research team, IFSI has supported the development of the State of Illinois Exposure Reduction Training Project. This joint agency effort launches 1 May and has been a collaborative effort with our partners OSFM and MABAS.

We are grateful for the strong team of professionals that continue to support our mission: *Helping Firefighters Do Their Work Through Training, Education, Information, and Research*, despite the uncertain times.

IFSI Fire College

A promotional poster for the 96th Annual IFSI Fire College. The background features two firefighters in full gear, including helmets and oxygen tanks, positioned in front of a large fire burning in a metal structure. The text 'NEW DATES - FALL 2020 -' is in the top left. The IFSI logo, a Maltese cross with 'ILLINOIS FIRE SERVICE INSTITUTE' and 'STATE FIRE ACADEMY' text, is in the center. To the right, '96TH ANNUAL' is above the large 'FIRE COLLEGE' text, where the 'O' is a flame. Below this, 'OCTOBER 1 - 4, 2020' is displayed. A yellow-bordered box contains the text 'REGISTRATION OPENS AUGUST 1, 2020'. At the bottom right, the website 'FSI.ILLINOIS.EDU' is listed with social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn. The footer includes 'ILLINOIS FIRE SERVICE INSTITUTE', 'UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN', and the address '11 Gerty Drive | Champaign, Illinois | 217.333.3800'.

The Illinois Fire Service Institute will be hosting the 96th Annual Fire College again this fall from October 1-4. Registration opens August 1st! The OSFM is proud to provide a grant to IFSI to help provide funding for a portion of hotel lodging at no cost to participants. Click the link below to see what classes are offered and more on registration.

<https://www.fsi.illinois.edu/ifsi%20events/firecollege/#!/index>

IFA Down & Dirty Weekend

130TH ANNUAL
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& DIRTY**
FIREFIGHTING WEEKEND

OCTOBER 2 - 4, 2020
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IFSI will be hosting the 130th Annual Illinois Firefighter's Association Down & Dirty Firefighting Weekend in October! Registration opens August 1 for participants. The OSFM is happy to be able to provide funding for attendees to receive free hotel accommodations during the training. Visit fsi.illinois.edu for more information.

Fire Advisory Committee Meeting

The Fire Advisory Committee met Wednesday, July 29 at the OSFM Springfield office. This was a unique meeting as some members were present in the conference room, while others attended via WebEx (online). The committee heard from Katherine Nunes, the OSFM Legislative Liaison, about legislation that could have an impact on the Illinois fire service. Members discussed proposed rule changes for several recertifications that firefighters can obtain through the OSFM by training and testing. The members voted to agree to those changes, and the OSFM will take these changes through the rulemaking process.

The Commission advises the State Fire Marshal on fire protection, investigation, prevention and other duties required by law. The committee is comprised of 18 members: 9 appointed by the Governor (Governor designates the chairperson); 3 professional full-time paid firefighters; 1 volunteer firefighter; 1 registered fire protection engineer; 1 representative of fire insurance industry in Illinois; 3 members knowledgeable about fire protection methods; Chicago Fire Commissioner, or designee; Executive officer of designee of each of the following: Illinois Fire Chiefs Association; Illinois Fire Protection District Association; Illinois Fire Inspectors Association; Illinois Professional Firefighters Association; Illinois Fireman's Association; Associated Firefighters of Illinois; Illinois Society of Fire Service Instructors; Fire Service Institute - University of Illinois.



COVID Cloth Mask Tips

Norman says, "Wear Your Mask!"*Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal***CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019**
(COVID-19)

Wearing a cloth face covering
in public may help prevent
the spread of COVID-19.

**Here is how to
wear it correctly**

[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

The OSFM's Mascot, Norman, wants to remind everyone to wear their mask and the correct way to wear it. #AllInIllinois! The CDC has provided a video with tips on how to wear a cloth face covering in public to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Visit: <https://youtu.be/dy9TzRwVWoA>



COVID-19 Safety



State of Illinois
Illinois Department of Public Health

COVID-19 Quarantine vs. Isolation

QUARANTINE keeps someone who was in close contact with someone who has COVID-19 away from others.



If you had close contact with a person who has COVID-19



- Stay home until 14 days after your last contact.



- Check your temperature twice a day and watch for symptoms of COVID-19.



- If possible, stay away from people who are at higher-risk for getting very sick from COVID-19.

ISOLATION keeps someone who is sick or tested positive for COVID-19 without symptoms away from others, even in their own home.



If you are sick and think or know you have COVID-19



- Stay home until after
 - 3 days with no fever and
 - Symptoms improved and
 - 10 days since symptoms first appeared



If you tested positive for COVID-19 but do not have symptoms



- Stay home until after
 - 10 days have passed since your positive test.



If you live with others, stay in a specific “sick room” or area and away from other people or animals, including pets. Use a separate bathroom, if available.



Questions about COVID-19?
Call 1-800-889-3931 or email dph.sick@illinois.gov
Illinois Department of Public Health - www.dph.illinois.gov

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FDA Sanitizer Recalls



The FDA is warning consumers and health care providers that the agency has seen a sharp increase in hand sanitizer products that are labeled to contain ethanol (also known as ethyl alcohol) but that have tested positive for methanol contamination. Methanol, or wood alcohol, is a substance that can be toxic when absorbed through the skin or ingested and can be life-threatening when ingested. Methanol is not an acceptable ingredient for hand sanitizers and must not be used due to its toxic effects. The FDA's investigation of methanol in certain hand sanitizers is ongoing.

Check your supply to make sure it is not on the recall list: https://www.fda.gov/drugs/drug-safety-and-availability/fda-updates-hand-sanitizers-methanol?fbclid=IwAR2IzVnIU4X5RiK_QxTP7LzvS4qgebvOqM0dNHVeq9U1dNjXz8UpCj_UvpA



Cancelled State Fairs-Springfield and DuQuoin

Due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic, the Illinois State Fair and DuQuoin State Fair were cancelled this year. The OSFM will be reaching out to fire service organizations to allow them to still participate in a virtual fire safety tent. The videos will be shared on the OSFM's social media pages; facebook, twitter and YouTube.



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Pool Safety

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and numerous pools being closed, many Illinois residents have either installed a pool or purchased a portable/inflatable pool to stay cool this summer. These pools come with extra responsibilities and some inherent risks.

In 2019, 22 Illinois children under the age of 18 lost their lives due to accidental drowning: 10 in pools; five in bathtubs; one in a bucket; three in ponds; and three in lakes. Six of the children who drowned in pools were age five and younger. Drowning is the leading cause of unintentional death for children ages one to four and second leading cause of unintentional death for children ages five to 15 according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

According to the American Red Cross, 69% of young children who are found drowned or submerged in swimming pools were not expected to be in or near the pool. On average, 379 fatal child drownings occurred per year between 2015 and 2017. Children younger than five years old accounted for 75% of these drownings, 56% of which were attributed to a lapse in adult supervision. Of the reported fatal drowning incidents, 71% occurred in residential locations, such as a child's home, a family or friend's house, or a neighbor's residence, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC).

Follow these safety tips to help protect children from water-related tragedy:

- *Don't be lulled into a false sense of security because of the shallowness of baby pools. A child can drown in as little as one inch of water.*
- *Empty the pool right after use and store it upside-down.*
- *Be aware of access to water hazards in your yard and neighborhood. If a child goes missing, check these areas first.*
- *Keep ladders, patio furniture and toys away from above-ground pools. Toddlers are better climbers than you think.*
- *Install a four-sided fence with a self-closing, self-latching gate around all pools and spas. Always check to make sure the gate is locked or closed when leaving the pool or spa.*
- *Keep the pool and deck clear of floats, balls and toys after you leave the pool.*
- *Young children should wear personal flotation devices, but they do not replace adult supervision.*
- *Keep hot tubs securely covered when not in use. Children should not be left in a hot tub alone.*
- *Appoint an adult who can swim to watch children at all times when they are in the pool.*
- *Learn CPR and keep rescue equipment, a phone and emergency numbers by the pool. The American Red Cross offers online CPR training classes anyone can take at their own pace from the convenience of home.*



Pool Safety**Be there for those who need you****KEEP SUMMER FUN BY KEEPING KIDS SAFE****Supervise**

Never take your eyes off children in and around water.

Use Barriers

Fences, self-closing/self-latching gates and secured doors with alarms can prevent young children from wandering into the pool.

Avoid Entrapment

Suction from a pool's drain is so powerful it can trap an adult underwater. Check for broken or missing drain covers.

Learn to Swim

To stay safe in the water, all family members should learn to swim well.

Know How to Respond

Get training in basic water rescue skills, first aid and CPR. Have rescue equipment and a phone by the pool.

Partners in Drowning Prevention

**U.S. Consumer Product
Safety Commission**

CPSC hotline: 800-638-2772
and 800-638-8270 (TTY)



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Grilling Safety

Grilling Fire Safety Tip

To prevent a fire, place grill well away from the home, deck railings, out from under eaves and overhanging branches.



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Grilling Safety Fast Fact

In roughly 1 of every 5 grill fires, grills have not been cleaned.

To prevent fires, keep grills clean.



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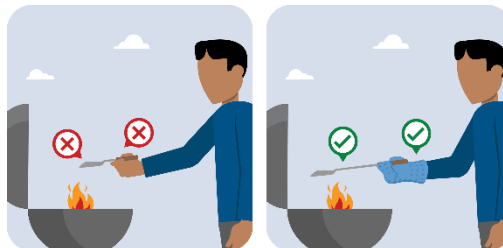


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We are in the middle of the summer months and for many, the grill has received a big workout. Take a few minutes and clean out the grease tray, clean the cooking surfaces and wipe off the sides. If you use charcoal, make sure to clean out all the ash. Do another safety check to make sure the grill is far enough away from your home, out from under the eaves and overhanging branches.



OSFM Visits Day Camp



Elevator Safety Division Manager Bob Capuani visited with his granddaughter Francesca who attended a summer camp for 3 and 4-year olds at James Pate Philip State Park. Bob deputized the kids as Jr. Fire Marshals for the day.



Shout Out /Kudos

**YOU
ROCK**

Cathy, Dale, Larry, Matt and Daniel,

Regulatory work and guidance can be a bit of a thankless job sometimes. Please consider this email my sincere thank you to you and your team for your support! Everyone I have had the pleasure to communicate with has been so responsive, knowledgeable and thoughtful. Your office has been a wonderful resource.

Please share my thanks and appreciation with your team,

*Marie Hansen
Director of Development Services
Village of Barrington*



Good morning Cathy,

*Thank you for quick response and info.
We will proceed this way.*

*I also want to thank you and your team
for all the time and effort you put into
this, it really is appreciated.*

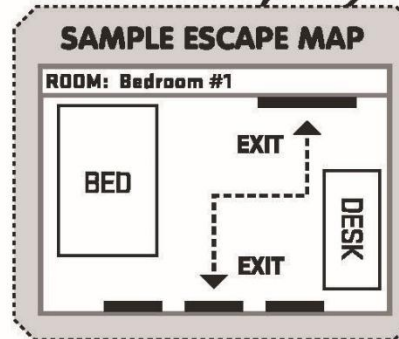
Darren Keyser, Principal

GO TEAM!

Kids' Corner

Our Family Fire Escape Map

Together with your child, create a home fire escape map! Start by writing down the names of every room in your home in each box below (the living room, kitchen, bedrooms, etc.) Then, draw a simple layout of each room. Be sure to include your child's bedroom or sleeping area. Circle each exit with a brightly colored crayon or marker. Walk with your child through every room and point out the exits and how to get to your safe outside meeting place from there. Make photocopies if you have additional rooms.



ROOM:	ROOM:
ROOM:	ROOM:

Practice, practice! To help your child remember, practice this map together as a family at least twice a year.

PRACTICE #1 DATE: _____ **PRACTICE #2 DATE:** _____

Kids' Corner

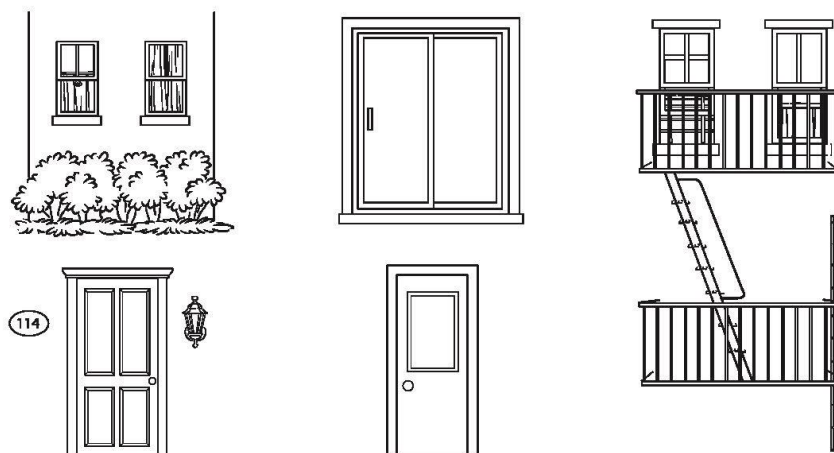
Exit Is the Way Out!

Color the exit sign below in red. With your child, search for two safe ways to exit every room in your home, if possible. When you're out and about, look for exit signs all around you.



Exit Finders!

Look around to see how many types of exits you can find with your child. Discuss different safe exits. Here are some examples:



SAFETY TIP

Your safe exit can include a door or a window that leads directly to the ground or has a safe fire escape. If you live in a high-floor apartment, you may only have one way out. Learn your building evacuation plan to help you be prepared!